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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q78074

Masahiro MAEDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/687,971

Group Art Unit: 2852

Confirmation No.: 8669

Examiner: Quana Mashell GRAINGER

Filed: October 20, 2003

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	40	-	23	=	17	X	\$18.00	= \$306.00
Independent	8	-	4	=	4	X	\$88.00	= \$352.00
TOTAL								= \$658.00

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$658.00 and/or all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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